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Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

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Re: U.S. Application No. 10/656,093
Filed: September 5, 2003
Title: **Inotropic and Diuretic Effects of GLP-1 and
GLP-1 Agonists**
Inventors: Andrew A. YOUNG *et al.*
Atty. Docket: 18528.632

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO):

1. a Preliminary Amendment; and
2. a return postcard.

Please stamp the attached postcard with the filing date of these documents and return it to our courier.

In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing matter number 18528.552. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Milan M. Vinnola".

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Divisional Application of:

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Title: **Inotropic and Diuretic Effects of
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned application as follows.

Applicants do not believe any additional fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account Number 50-2387, referencing docket number 18528.632. Applicant likewise authorizes a charge to Deposit Account Number 50-2387 for any other fees related to the present application that are not otherwise provided for.